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THE NEW HAVEN AND WALLINGFORD (CONN.) JOHNSONS.

THERE were three brothers by the name of Johnson quite early at New Haven, Conn., viz.: 1. JOHN. 2. ROBERT. 3. THOMAS.

1. JOHN[1] JOHNSON consented to the covenant at New Haven in 1639. At a court held the third of Nov., 1641, Robert Johnson made claim to the house and lot that was his brother's, John Johnson's deceased. The said Johnson had, before his death, removed to "the Bay" (Massachusetts), and settled at Rowley.

2. ROBERT[1] JOHNSON is said to have come from Yorkshire, England (see Salisbury's "Family Histories," Vol. 2, p. 288), as early as 1641, with his four sons, viz.:

4. i. JOHN.[2]
5. ii. ROBERT.
6. iii. THOMAS.
7. iv. WILLIAM.

They are generally named in the order here given, but the order of their birth is uncertain. The only clew we have to the date of birth of Robert's children is that Dr. Steiner says William was "born about 1630," that Robert's son Robert graduated from Harvard in the class of 1645, and that Thomas, the son of Thomas, is called "Thomas Senr." in the record of his second marriage at New Haven, in 1663, thereby showing that he was older than Thomas the son of Robert. The death record at Newark, N. J., of Thomas Senr., makes the date of his birth 1630. Thomas the son of Robert was probably born soon after 1630, and judging from the college record, his brother Robert was a number of years older. The first we find of Robert Johnson in New Haven is when he made claim to his brother's house, in 1641, upon which he had a verbal claim to secure a loan made in England to his brother John. Robert appears to have been undecided as to whether he would remain in New Haven or go with his brother to "the Bay." In 1644 he was appointed by the General Court a viewer of damage done by "cattell and hoggs" in the Yorkshire quarter; in 1648 he was on a committee entrusted by the General Court to devise means for effectually protecting from such damage; and in 1649 he was made a committee to ascertain "what quantity of corne every man hath sowen or planted this yere that he is to be paid for." In 1649 he "desired that he might haue libertie to make a well in ye streete neere his house." In 1646 he bought six and a half acres of land "in the Necke," and in that year it was recorded that "Thomas yale hath sold unto Robert Johnson 62 acres of upland." (Hoadly's New Haven Colony Records, Vol. 1.)

He lived in that part of New Haven then called Yorkshire quarter, now represented by York Street. The name of this quarter may have been derived from Johnson's former residence in England. He died in 1661. The inventory of his estate is dated Nov. 26, 1661, and amounts to £404, 04, 03. His will is recorded at New Haven, in Vol. 1, first part, page 101, and is as follows—

"A writing exhibited as the last Will and Testament of Robert Johnson of New Haven, Deceased."

"Imp. I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ and my body to the Dust. Also I give to my son Thomas twentie pound as ye other two John and William have had and then my sonne Thomas after my wife has had her thirds to make an equall division among ye sd, three brothers and the land in ye sd. yorkshire quarter I would have my sonn Thomas to have that is ye nine acres belongs to ye housse in part of his portion and I give Jeremiah Johnson a little red cow.

The witnesses, ROBERT JOHNSON
——— WILLIAM BRADLY. his *p* mark.
CHRISTOPHER TOD, his C T mark."

Jeremiah Johnson, to whom Robert Johnson gave "a little red cow" in his will, was probably Robert's nephew, the son of his deceased brother Thomas.

The name of Robert Johnson's first wife is unknown. He left a widow Adeline, who became the second wife of Robert Hill of New Haven, Jan. 7, 1662. He died in Aug., 1663. On May 22, 1666, she became the second wife of John Scranton of Guilford, Ct., who died Aug. 27, 1671. She deeds land, on Oct. 21, 1781, to "her two sons-in-law, sons to * * * Robert Johnson, of New Haven deceased, to wit, Thomas Johnson and John Johnson husbandman," thereby showing that she was not the mother of the said sons. In this deed she is described as "Adelin Scranton Widow & Relict of John Scranton." She was therefore the step mother of Thomas and John, and after successively marrying three widowers, we find her a widow in 1681. She died in April, 1685.

3. THOMAS[1] JOHNSON was early in New Haven, and was drowned, with Thomas Ashley, in the harbor, in 1640. It is said that he came with his brother Robert, and he left four sons: i. Thomas,[2] of New Haven and Newark, N. J., 1666, the progenitor of the New Jersey Johnsons. He died Nov. 5, 1694, aged 64. ii. Daniel, of New Haven. iii. William, of New Haven and Wallingford, Ct., married Sarah Hall, and had 14 children. iv. Jeremiah, of New Haven. Another account omits Jeremiah, and places John of Guilford as the first son; and still another says that William was an independent emigrant from Co. Essex, England, and no relation to these Johnsons from Hull. I have been unable to find any original record of the children of Thomas who, according to Hoadly's New Haven Colony Records, Vol. 1, died in 1640. The children of William, and his descendants in the line of Jacob, are given in the REGISTER, Vol. 55, page 369; and the family of William's son John is given in the Street Genealogy, of 1895, page 15.

4. JOHN[2] JOHNSON (*Robert*[1]) doubtless was born in England. He married Hannah, daughter of John and Hannah Parmlee of Guilford, Ct., Sept., 30, 1651. According to the General Index No. 1, of the New Haven Probate Records, his estate was probated in 1687. His

name is in the Index of Vol. 2, with references to pages 5 and 20, but page 5 is missing. The original page 20 is now the first remaining page of records in the said volume, and refers to a petition of John Hodkins, Thomas Tuttle and John Penderson, upon which the Court orders the administrators of the estate of John Johnson deceased, namely, Samuel Johnson and John Johnson, to give an account of their administration within 21 days. This is the only matter concerning his estate that now remains in the Probate Records. No date is given, but the New Haven County Court Records show that his estate was probated as early as 1689. On June 17, 1689, "Samll Johnson and John Johnson Adm. to the estate of their late father John Johnson late of New Haven deceased, intestate, appearing in court was enquired of why they had not put an issue to their paymt. of Debts & devilling of lands according to court order. * * * After much debate about the matter Samll. Johnson propounded that they might choose two men to divide the land & he should be satisfied therein. Whereupon Samll. Johnson chose Ensgn. Samll. Munson & John Johnson chose Lieut. Abraham Dickinson, which the Court approved." (County Court Records, Vol. 1, p. 171.) What interest, if any, John Hodkins, Thomas Tuttle and John Penderson had in the estate is still unknown.

There was some difficulty about the estate, and Samuel left for parts unknown before June 11, 1690, when he was summoned to appear before the court "for his breach of the peace, but it was sd he had withdrawn himself out of towne. * * * John appearing but his brother Samll. being gone it was referred to another time." (County Court Records, Vol. 1, p. 179.) This is the last record found appertaining to the estate. Their mother, the widow Hannah Johnson, was also present at this hearing. Several deeds in the land records by Samuel and John Johnson administrators, show that they were the sons of the deceased John, and their mother Hannah was living as late as March 15, 1693.

The children of John and Hannah Johnson were:

i. DAVID,[3] b. Feb. —, bapt. Mar. 1, 1652.
ii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 25, 1653, bapt. Mar. following; left New Haven before June 11, 1690.
iii. HANNAH, b. Feb. 1, 1656.
iv. HANNAH, m. Samuel Hummason, June 21, 1677.
8. v. JOHN, b. Aug. 27, 1661; m. Mabel Grannis, Mar. 2, 1684-5.
vi. SARAH, b. Aug., 26, 1664, baptized the next day; m. John Wolcott of New Haven, Feb. 8, 1683.
vii. RUTH, b. April 3, 1667; m. Benjamin Dorman, Oct. 10, 1698.
viii. AMOAH, b. Apr. 9, 1670; m. Joseph Foot of Branford, before March 15, 1693.
ix. DANIEL, b. Feb. 21, 1671; m. Mary, dau. of Andrew Sanford of Milford, Dec. 23, 1707. She was the widow of Thomas Tuttle. (Tuttle Family, page 111.)

5. ROBERT[2] JOHNSON (*Robert*[1]), says Dr. Samuel Johnson, "was bred at Cambridge whose name you see near the beginning of their catalogue. He went to his uncle at Rowley and was said to be a very promising candidate for the ministry and was to be settled there but died young." He graduated in the class of 1645. His will was made 13 Sept., 1649, and probated March, 1650. This explains why he is not mentioned in his father's will.

6. THOMAS[2] JOHNSON (*Robert*[1]) died Jan. 4, 1694–5. The "Tuttle Family" gives him several children, but he gave his homestead, that was his father's, and other lands, to his nephew John Johnson, son of John, before his death; and after his decease his nephew John, with wife Mabel, appeared before the Probate Court and swore that it was the will of their uncle Thomas Johnson that all his cattle should be given to his brother William, of Guilford. This disposition of his property indicates that he had no children living at the time of his death; and this inference is corroborated by Dr. Samuel Johnson, who said, in 1757, that this Thomas died a batchelor. The children given in the "Tuttle Family" belong to Thomas the son of Thomas, and the three sons recorded to Thomas Johnson in New Haven, between 1651 and 1664, are, according to Mrs. Salisbury, named in the will of Thomas of Newark.

7. WILLIAM[2] JOHNSON (*Robert*[1]), born about 1630, settled at Guilford, Conn., as early as 1653. He was deacon, town clerk, and many times deputy, from 1665 to 1694. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Bushnell, and died Oct. 27, 1702. (Steiner's History of Guilford, Conn., page 128). He had eleven children, of whom Samuel[3] was the father of the celebrated divine, and first President of Columbia College, Dr. Samuel[4] Johnson of Stratford, Conn. For his family, and other Guilford Johnsons, see Dr. Alvin Talcott's mss. genealogies of Guilford, Conn., families, at the rooms of the New Haven Colony Historical Society, at New Haven, or the copy of the same at the Town Clerk's office at Guilford.

8. JOHN JOHNSON[3] (*John*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was born Aug. 27, 1661, and married, March 2, 1684–5, Mabel, daughter of Edward Granniss and (according to Savage) his second wife Hannah, daughter of John Wakefield of New Haven, Conn. Although sometimes called "Mabel," her name was Mehitable, as appears by numerous deeds, &c. These names are sometimes used interchangeably, and that they belong to the same person in this case is shown by the fact that her brothers John and Joseph Granniss, on Feb. 17, 1721, deed her a piece of land under the name of Mabel Johnson, and on May 14, 1725, she sells the same land under the name of Mehitable Johnson.

John and Mabel Johnson at one time lived in what is now Westfield, New Haven, and he had also his grandfather Robert's homestead in Yorkshire quarter, which was given him by his uncle Thomas. He made his will Dec. 10, 1712. His widow Mehitable was appointed administratrix, the first Monday of Feb., 1712–13. His will is recorded at New Haven, Vol. 4, page 117, and is as follows:

"In the name of God Amen. I John Johnson Senior of New Haven being at this time Sick and weak in my Body Yet of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for it I Do make and ordain this my Last will and Testament. In manner and form following— firstly and principally I Give my Soul to God hoping for Acceptence and mercy through the merits and righteousness of Christ Jesus my Lord and my body I commit to the Earth to be burried Decently at ye discrestion of my Exrt hereafter named and as Concerning ye disposing of all such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followith— firstly that all my just debts and funeral Expenses shall be paid and Dyscharged.

item, I give and bequeath all my Estate both personall and Real that I shall Dye in my possession of to my persent Dear and Loving Wife Mahitabell Johnson to be wholly and Intirely at her Dispose and Use for her own Comfort or for ye bringing up my children or otherwise to dispose of as they may need and as She Can spare, ytt my will is that the whole of my Estate be Intirely at my wife's Dispose So Long as Shee shall Live a widdow and at her decease or marriage my will is that shee shall have Intirely at her Dispose one third part of what Shall then be Remaining of my Estate and the rest Divided Equally amongst my children Excepting twenty pounds which I do hereby Give of my Estate to my Daughter Sarah Johnson more than her Equall Share with the Rest of my children and also my will further is that my Son John Johnson Shall have his Equall Share with the Rest of my Children besides What he hath already Had of me and I do Nominate and appoint and hereby Constitute my Present Dear and Loving Wife Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby Revoke all former Wills By me at any time made before this. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed my seal this 10th. Day of December 1712.

his
JOHN X JOHNSON.
mark

Signed Sealed and published
to be the Last will and Testament of the above said John Johnson.

Before ye witness.
JOHN PUNDERSON
JOHN LATHROP

Witnesses Sworn In Court in the Usual form.
Test Jos' WHITING, Clerk."

"Children names.
John, Thomas, Ann, Sarah, Joseph 14, Benjamin 11, Robert 8, James 8, Mahitabell 5, Hannah 3, year old."

Various deeds show that widow Mehitable resided in New Haven until 1729 or later, but in 1732 was living in Middletown, Conn., and in 1738 at Branford, Conn. In a deed dated Dec. 31, 1751, Thomas of Middletown, Joseph of Hartford, Benjamin of Durham, Robert of Middletown, Timothy Rose of Woodbury and Mehitable his wife, give to "our brother in law Benjamin Hands of Middletown land that was "our Hourd. Father's Mr. John Johnson of New Haven, decd.," and also land sold by Moses Blackslee to "our Hourd. Mother Mrs. Mehitable Johnson, decd.," thus showing that she died between 1738 and 1751. Her tombstone at Durham, Conn., says she died Dec. 9, 1745, aged 79.

The children of John and Mabel Johnson were :

9. i. JOHN,[4] b. March 3, 1686–7. He is John of Wallingford.
ii. THOMAS, b. Jan. 12, 1689–90; removed to Middletown, Conn., in or before 1722. He was called Capt.
iii. ANNE, b. Feb., 1691; m. Willet Ranney of Middletown, Conn., April 20, 1720.
iv. SARAH, b. April 9, 1694.
v. DANIEL, b. April 22, 1696; not named in the list of children appended to his father's will.
vi. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 2, 1698; was living in Durham, Conn., in 1732, Middletown, Conn., 1738, and Hartford, Conn., in 1751.
vii. BENJAMIN, b. March 9, 1701; removed to Durham, Conn.
viii. ROBERT, b. June 5, 1703; lived at Middletown, Conn., 1732.
ix. JAMES, b. Sept. 3, 1705.
x. MEHITABLE, b. Feb. 29, 1707–8; m. Timothy Rose of Branford, Conn., Sept. 22, 1730. She was living there in 1738, but lived at Woodbury, Conn., in 1751.

xi. HANNAH, b. May 23, 1710; m. Benjamin Hands of Middletown, Conn., between 1732 and 1738. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 9, p. 277, and Vol. 10, p. 460.) He was son of Benjamin and Sarah (Ward) Hands, b. Oct. 4, 1706. (Steiner.)

9. JOHN[4] JOHNSON (*John*,[3] *John*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was born March 3, 1687–8. He removed to Wallingford, and there married, Jan. 12, 1711, Sarah Jennings, the widow of Nathaniel Hitchcock who died May 12, 1710. She at that time had three Hitchcock children, viz.: i. Sarah, born March 31, 1705; married Aaron Cook, June 14, 1722. ii. Elizabeth, born Jan. 11, 1707. iii. Hannah, born Jan. 11, 1709; married Caleb Mathews, March 7, 1727; died Dec. 5, 1731. The John Johnson of Wallingford (see John,[2] son of Walter,[1] *post*), who married Mary Chatterton in 1710, should not be confounded with this (No. 9) John, who lived in the south western part of the town, by "Fresh medows," near the Cheshire line; while the former lived at what is now Meriden. I find no record after 1722 of more than one John Johnson in Wallingford. He is identified by two deeds in New Haven Land Records, Vol. 6, pages 644–5, in the first of which Mehitable Johnson, of New Haven, gives her "loving son John Johnson of the town of Wallingford" 9 acres of land, being part of land laid out to "my Honoured ffather-in-law John Johnson late of New Haven deceased," dated April 30, 1725. The same day, John Johnson of Wallingford deeds this land to Benjamin Todd, and describes it as part of the land of "my Honoured grand ffather John Johnson Deed."

In Mrs. Evelyn MacCurdy Salisbury's "Family Histories and Genealogies" (Vol. 2, page 288), containing much valuable information, but some mistakes, is a letter from a great-grandson of Robert[1] Johnson, Dr. Samuel[4] Johnson of Stratford, written to his son Hon. William Samuel[5] Johnson, and dated Jan. 6, 1757, a part of which (with generation numbers added to indicate the line of John of Wallingford) is as follows:

"* * * And now I proceed to set down to you all I know of our progenitors. The Father of our Family in this country was John [Robert] Johnson, one of the first founders of New Haven, and lived on the northwest Corner of the Square of Lots Mr. Mix and the Colleges are on, over against Darling's. He came from the noted town of Hull (*al* Kingston-upon-Hull) near York in Yorkshire, and it was said he had two Brothers, one the Father of the Johnsons at Newark in the Jersies, the other the Father of those in Boston Government, who settled at Rowley about 20 miles eastward of Boston. John [Robert] our ancestor had John[2], Robert[2], Thomas,[2] and William.[2] John[2] had John,[3] Samuel,[3] and Daniel,[3] the two last * * died * * leaving no male issue. * * * [John[3]] was Father to John[4] (who settled at Wallingford * * *) and Thomas[4], who is Capt. Johnson of Middletown * * * "

It is interesting to note that the male line as given by Dr. Johnson, largely from his personal knowledge, is identical with the lineage as here worked out from the records, in 1897, one hundred and forty years later, and without any knowledge of that letter. This is especially important, as all published Johnson genealogy of this branch omits one generation, leaving out the middle John. This was probably caused by his living at New Haven, cotemporaneously with John the son of William, or Wingle.*

* See REGISTER, *ante*, Vol. 55, page 369.—EDITOR.

While John[3] (John,[2] Robert[1]) may have been obscure in a sense, as stated, he was by no means an unworthy man. The large amount of property received by deeds of gift from his uncle Thomas shows him to have been a favorite with that uncle, and he must have been in some respects the superior of his cousins and brothers, in order to have merited these favors. The numerous deeds given by his widow after his decease shows that he was a large land owner. His son John,[4] of Wallingford, left an unusually large estate for those times, over three thousand pounds, and although there was another John Johnson in Wallingford with him, for more than ten years, he was considered of such importance that any reference to John Johnson of Wallingford was always understood as referring to John the son of John, Jr. One deed in the Wallingford records describes John Johnson as a weaver, and, judging from the inventory, this John was the one who died in 1744. John Johnson, of Wallingford, died Oct. 17, 1744. His widow died July 14, 1748. His will, dated Feb., 1743–4, is recorded in New Haven, Vol. 6, page 573. It names wife Sarah, son Daniel, son Jennings, son Amos, daughter Barbary, wife of Abraham Ives, daughter Ester, wife of Merriman Munson, daughter Phebe, wife of Dydimus Parker, daughter Ruth, wife of Abel Hall, daughter Patience, "who is unmarried." The land given to his three sons was to "be entailed unto my said sons and to their heirs for ye space of one hundred years from ye date of this present will," but notwithstanding this provision, most of it passed out of the family in a few years. The inventory of his estate amounted to the unusually large sum of £3017. 7. 1.

The children of John and Sarah Johnson were:

i. Esther,[5] b. May 4, 1712; m. Merriam Munson, Jan. 24, 1733.
ii. Barbara, b. Feb. 5, 1714; m. Abraham Ives, May 11, 1736.
iii. Damaris, b. Jan. 31, 1716; m. Watt Ebernantha, Dec. 29, 1737.
iv. Daniel, b. Dec. 14, 1717; m. Ruth Todd, Dec. 26, 1744. He d. in 1761.
v. Phebe, b. April 28, 1720; m. Dydimus Parker.
vi. Jennings, b. Jan. 7, 1722; m. Sarah Johnson, Oct. 20, 1748. He removed to Southington, Conn., where the land he left is still owned by his descendants. His family is given in Timlow's History of that town, page cxxxvii.
vii. Ruth, b. Oct. 1, 1723; m. Abel Hall.
10. viii. Amos, b. Mar. 4, 1726; m. Abigail Holt, Apr. 24, 1746.
ix. Patience, b. July 28, 1728; m. Daniel Culver, Dec. 17, 1746.

We thus find that Sarah (Jennings) Johnson was the mother of twelve children, three by her first and nine by her second husband.

10. Amos[5] Johnson (*John,*[4] *John,*[3] *John,*[2] *Robert*[1]), born March 4, 1726; married April 24, 1746, Abigail, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Curtis) Holt. This parentage is shown by a deed from William Johnson and Tamer (Holt) Johnson of Durham, and Amos Johnson and Abigail (Holt) Johnson of Wallingford, conveying "Two Rights of land which formerly belonged to Ensign Thomas Curtiss late of Wallingford Deceased." Jan. 16, 1748–9. (Wallingford Land Records, Vol. 11, p. 521.) He resided in the parish of Northford, in the town of Wallingford, near the Branford town line. He served in the French and Indian war, 1758–9. Davis's History of Wallingford says that he died in the Revolutionary War, at White Plains, N. Y., 1776, but this is an error, because he was living at Northford,

Dec. 9, 1783, when he and his wife Abigail leased their house, &c., at Northford, to Moses and Esther Peck. (Wallingford Land Records, Vol. 23, page 423.) It is certain, however, that one Amos Johnson of Wallingford, Conn., was in Capt. James Peck's Co., Sept. 17, 1777, but I do not know whether it was this Amos or his son. Amos Johnson who died at White Plains was probably from Branford, Conn., and son of Edward and Elizabeth (Barnes) Johnson. (Woodruff's Litchfield, Conn., Register, page 113.) Amos of Wallingford gave numerous deeds of land, between 1747 and 1785, the last of which bears date April 27, 1785. Family tradition says that he removed west, about 1785, where he died, and that his widow returned and married Jonah Todd. Jonah Todd of Woodbridge, Conn., died between 1802 and 1804, leaving a widow Abigail.

The children of Amos and Abigail Johnson were:

i. LUCY,[6] b. Sept. 11, 1747; m. Samuel Preston, Sept. 7, 1769.
ii. ESTHER, b. Nov. 16, 1749; m. Moses Peck.
iii. SIBYL, b, Sept. 16, 1751.
iv. AMOS, m. at Wallingford, Eunice Daly, Sept. 15, 1777; bought land at Farmington, Conn., Oct. 14, 1780.
v. SIMEON, m. Merriam Johnson, March 4, 1773. His father deeds him land in 1772.
vi. ELIHU, b. June 7, 1773.

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1. WALTER[1] JOHNSON. Savage says he was at Middletown, Conn., 1684, but no record of him is now found there, neither has his parentage or previous history been learned. He was at Wallingford, Conn., as early as Feb. 23, 1691–2, when he agrees "with Roger Tyler for a certain piece of land that was granted to him in lieu of a home lott at the north end of said town." (Wallingford Land Records, Vol. 1, page 151.) Several other pieces "laid out to Walter Johnson" are referred to on page 175, the same book, under date May 4, 1692. Several deeds to and from his sons Lambert and John are also of record, on various dates up to 1718. Two deeds in 1714 give each of his sons their portion of his estate, and refer to land they had already received that was their "own mother's." His wife was a daughter of Nehemiah Roys of Wallingford, as is shown by the will of the said Roys, which gives 5 shillings to his grandson John Johnson, and a cross cut saw to John's father, Walter Johnson. (Wallingford Land Records, Vol. 2, page 75.) In a deed dated April 11, 1721, John Johnson refers to land "that has, may or should come unto me * * * in the right of my Honored grandfather Mr. Nehemiah Roys." (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, page 401.) Walter Johnson died Feb. 6, 1731.

His children were:

2. i. JOHN,[2] m. Mary Chatterton, Nov. 2, 1710.
3. ii. LAMBERT, m. Rebecca Curtis, Mar. 1, 1716.

2. JOHN[2] JOHNSON (*Walter*[1]). No birth record. He married Mary, daughter of John and Mary (Clements) Chatterton of New Haven, Conn., who was born April 28, 1692. Davis's History of Wallingford says "she died within that year," the year of her marriage, but she was living March 19, 1719, when "John Johnson and Mary his wife, formerly Mary Chatterton," deed a portion of the estate of

John Chatterton her father, and Lydia Chatterton her sister, to Barnabas Baldwin. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 5, page 270.) The genealogies in Davis's History were compiled by Elihu Yale, and he appears to have repeatedly overcome seemingly conflicting records by putting some one out of the way and creating for them a death record. Thus, when he supposed that he had found one John Johnson with two wives, he disposed of the matter by saying the first wife "died," and so Mr. Yale got out of trouble by making trouble for all who consult these premature death records in his work. But this did not kill Mary Johnson, for in fact she lived until Sept. 21, 1774, when she died a widow in New Jersey. Instead of one John with two wives, there were two Johns each with his own wife, living at Wallingford at the same time for over ten years; just as there had been in the prior generation two John Johnsons living at the same time in New Haven.

John,[2] the son of Walter,[1] lived in the north part of Wallingford, which is now Meriden. He removed to Whippenny, N. J., before June 9, 1722, as is shown by a deed of that date. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 4, page 115.) This is the second branch of Connecticut Johnsons in New Jersey.

His children, recorded at Wallingford, Conn., were:

i. JOHN,[3] b. Aug. 12, 1711; d. in N. J. May 4, 1776.
ii. HANNAH, b. Dec. 31, 1712.
iii. ELISHA, b. Sept. 8, 1714.
iv. MOSES, b. July 26, 1716.
v. CAZIAH, b. April 22, 1718.
vi. ESTHER, b. April 20, 172-.

3. LAMBERT[2] JOHNSON (*Walter*[1]). No birth record. He married Rebecca, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Merriman) Curtis, March 1, 1716, who was born Aug. 21, 1697. He died at Wallingford, Conn., Nov. 27, 1726. His widow "Ribeckah" was appointed to administer on his estate, April 3, 1726. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 5, page 360.) His will is recorded in the same Vol., page 426, and names Benjamin, eldest son, son Cornelius, and daughters Mary, Anna and Rebekah.

His children were:

i. BENJAMIN,[3] b. Dec. 10, 1716.
ii. CORNELIUS, b. Feb. 13, 1719.
iii. MARY, b. June 3, 1720.
iv. ANNA, no birth record.
v. REBECCA, no birth record.

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